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REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending in the application. Restriction has been required as to one of the two groups of claims, identified as Groups I and II. As characterized by the Examiner, Group I consists of claims 1-49, drawn to a method of inducing apoptosis and treatment of disease via inhibition of bcl-6, and Group II consists of claims 50-60, drawn to oligonucleotide inhibitors of bcl-6. In response, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-49). Applicants hereby affirm the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to any of the non-elected subject matter.

Additionally, the Examiner asserts that Group I is further restricted by SEQ ID NO species and thus requires election of a species sequence. In response, Applicants hereby elect the species of SEQ ID NO: 6. Claims 10 (in part), 14 (in part), 20 (in part), 25 (in part), 31 (in part), 36 (in part), 43 (in part), and 49 (in part) encompass SEQ ID NO: 6.

It is our understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Applicants further note that, in accordance with MPEP 821.04, Applicants are entitled for rejoinder of product claims with process claims that are commensurate in scope with the product claims following a finding that the product claims are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, or content of this response, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

No fees are due, however, if any fee is due, the undersigned hereby authorizes the United States Patent and Trademark Office to charge the fees to Deposit Account 50-3355.

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